



AMENDED CHARTER

CENTER FOR SCIENTIFIC REVIEW SPECIAL EMPHASIS PANEL
(formerly the Behavioral and Neurosciences Special Emphasis Panel)

PURPOSE

The Secretary of Health and Human Services (Secretary) is mandated under Section 301 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 241), to make grants-in-aid for research projects relating to health. In addition, Section 487 of the PHS Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 288), authorizes the support of research and research training through National Research Service Awards.

The Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel (Panel) provides concept review of proposed contract or grant solicitations, and reviews grant and cooperative agreement applications and contract proposals for research projects and for research and training activities in areas of biomedical and behavioral science.

AUTHORITY

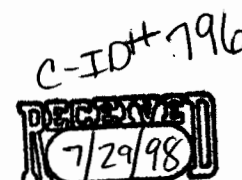
42 U.S.C. 282 (b) (6), Section 402 (b) (6) of the PHS Act, as amended. This Panel is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

FUNCTION

The Panel shall advise the Director, National Institutes of Health (NIH), regarding research and cooperative agreement applications and contract proposals relating to all areas of biomedical and behavioral science.

STRUCTURE

Members and Chairs shall be selected on an "as needed" basis in response to specific applications to be reviewed. Members shall be selected from outstanding authorities in the various fields of



biomedical and behavioral research. Members of chartered DHHS advisory committees may serve on the panel if their expertise is required. Management and support services shall be provided by the review divisions in the Center for Scientific Review, NIH.

MEETINGS

Meetings of the Panel shall be held as necessary as determined by the Designated Federal Official who shall approve the agenda. A Government official shall be present at all meetings. {

Meetings shall be open to the public unless determined otherwise by the Secretary. Notice of all meetings shall be given to the public.

Meetings shall be conducted and records of the proceedings kept, as required by applicable laws and Departmental policies.

COMPENSATION

Members shall be paid at the rate of \$150 per day, plus per diem and travel expenses in accordance with Standard Government Travel Regulations. Members who are officers or employees of the United States shall not receive compensation for service on the Panel.

ANNUAL COST ESTIMATE

The estimated annual cost for operating the Panel, including compensation and travel expenses for members but excluding staff support is \$3,431,064. The estimate of annual person-years of staff support required is 61.4, at an estimated annual cost of \$4,562,419.

REPORTS

A report shall be prepared annually showing the distribution of reviewers by gender, minority status, geographic balance, and frequency with which reviewers are used.

In the event a portion of a meeting is closed to the public, a report shall be prepared which shall contain, as a minimum, a list of members and their business addresses, the committee's functions, dates, and places of meetings, and a summary of committee activities and recommendations made during the fiscal year. A copy of the report shall be provided to the Department Committee Management Office.

ESTABLISHMENT DATE

January 3, 1994

TERMINATION DATE

Continuing.

APPROVED

JUL 02 1998

Date

Harold Varmus
Director, NIH



**AMENDMENT TO "COMPENSATION" SECTION OF THE CHARTERS OF THE
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH INITIAL REVIEW GROUPS
AND SPECIAL EMPHASIS PANELS**

Members shall be paid at the rate of \$200 per day, plus per diem and travel expenses in accordance with Standard Government Travel Regulations. Members who are full time officers or employees of the United States shall not receive compensation for service on these committees.

Approved:

4/6/99
Date

Harold Varmus
Director, NIH

Attachments:

- List of National Institutes of Health Initial Review Groups
- List of National Institutes of Health Special Emphasis Panels

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